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**JUDICIAL NOMINATION COMMISSION SUBMITS NAMES TO GOVERNOR
FOR APPOINTMENT TO SUPREME COURT**

The Judicial Nomination Commission will be submitting the following names to the Governor for consideration for appointment to the seat vacated by Justice Brian Morris on the Montana Supreme Court:

- Elizabeth Ann Brennan (Missoula)
- Amy Poehling Eddy (Kalispell)
- James Jeremiah Shea (Helena)
- Patrick Raymond Watt (Great Falls)

The Commission's action follows the close of a 30-day public comment period. Before recommending the nominees to the Governor, Commission members interviewed the applicants. The Governor must fill the position within 30 days of receipt of the nominees from the Commission. The person appointed by the Governor is subject to election at the primary and general elections in 2016. The candidate elected in 2016 will serve until January 2021.

The Judicial Nomination Commission members are District Judge Richard Simonton of Glendive; Shirley Ball of Nashua; Mona Charles of Kalispell; Patrick Kelly of Miles City; Lane Larson of Billings; Ryan Rusche of Columbia Falls; and Nancy Zadick of Great Falls.